

2006 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program Executive Summary

The Department of Transportation's (Department) five-year Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) is prepared pursuant to Government Code 14526 and consists of projects funded from the interregional share, which is 25 percent of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding. The STIP consists of two broad programs, the regional program funded from 75 percent of new STIP funding and the interregional program. The 75 percent regional program is further subdivided by formula into county shares to be nominated by regions for projects that improve transportation in the region. The 25 percent interregional share is nominated by the Department in the ITIP for projects that improve transportation between regions. The ITIP also includes projects funded from Federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds.

This ITIP was prepared consistent with the 2006 STIP Fund Estimate. Nearly all ITIP projects were rescheduled to a later delivery fiscal year because advance programming in previous STIP cycles and of the need to address project escalation and overruns to current year projects. As a result of severely constrained funding targets and significant cost increases, the basic strategy of this ITIP is to:

1. Maintain current project delivery schedules in anticipation of potential additional revenues from state or partnership funding; and
2. Keep project components (especially construction components) fully funded. The majority of project cost increases are due to recent spikes in material construction and real estate costs.

The STIP Fund Estimate provided a New Funds Target (or budget) for new programming totaling \$265 million dollars. This ITIP is requesting \$275 million of new programming, or \$10 million beyond the Fund Estimate New Funds Target. Of this amount \$270 million is to address cost increases to the existing ongoing program. The ITIP proposes to add nine new TE funded, seven new PTA eligible and two new highway projects for a total of \$73 million dollars. Downward adjustments to other programmed ITIP projects for a total of \$68 million result with a total ITIP new programming request of \$275 million.

This ITIP supports the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan – *GoCalifornia* by funding preconstruction activities on several projects proposed for funding from General Obligation Bonds. This ITIP is also consistent with the Administration's Goods Movement Action Plan (GMAP), a critical element of the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan – *GoCalifornia*.

Preliminary analysis of ITIP projects consistent with requirements of Guideline 19 of the STIP Guidelines (Criteria for Measuring Performance and Cost-Effectiveness) is ongoing and will be available for consideration of the ITIP before the hearings for the STIP adoption. This analysis will be at a level appropriate to currently available performance data and evaluation tools. Subsequent STIP cycles will have heightened levels of performance measurement and evaluation as data and tools improve.